

**THE UNITED ASBESTOS
ORIENTAL AGENCY.**
Sole Agents for the
**UNITED ASBESTOS COM-
PANY, LTD. LONDON.**
DODWELLS & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.

CONFIDENTIAL

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM

Marketing

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.
THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-

HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder Street, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th of February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Affairs.

to the 31st December, 1898, and the Report of

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th instant to the 8th February, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General-Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899. [110a]
SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE FOR
GIRLS.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1899, at 4.30 P.M. for the purpose of considering a proposal to establish in Hongkong a Boarding and Day-School for Eurasian and other girls.

The Bishop of Victoria will preside.
An outline will be given of a scheme prepared by a provisional Committee.
Ladies and Gentlemen are earnestly invited to attend.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1899. [165a
THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.
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MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on **FRIDAY, the 17th February, at NOON** for the purpose receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 17th February, 1899, both days inclusive.

1899, 20th day of January.

HEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1899. [88a]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the **ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING** of the **SHAREHOLDERS** in this Corporation will be held at the **CITY HALL, Hongkong**, on **SATURDAY**, the **18th day of February** next.

at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1808.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
 J. JACKSON

Hongkong, 24th January, 1899. [121a]
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the **REGISTERS** of **SHARES** of the Corporation will be **CLOSED** from **SATURDAY**, the 4th to the 18th day of February next; (both Days inclusive) during which Period **NO TRANSFER** of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1899. 122a

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK.

COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Company's Office, 10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4, on
Thursday, the 10th day of May, 1912, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of
electing Directors and Auditors, and for the receipt and payment of
dividends, and for the consideration of the accounts and the balance sheet
for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1911.

the OFFICE of the Company, No. 14, Praya
Central, on MONDAY, the 27th. February,
1899, at 12 o'clock Noon for the Purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,
1898.


The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th
February, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1899. [153a
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNERDAY, the 1st day of March, 1860, at 12 o'clock (NOON) to

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 1st of February

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1899. [146a]

 WANTED an ASSISTANT ENGINEER for service in H.M. Dredger "ST. ENOCH" at Wei-hai-wei.
Apply, stating qualifications and present

“CHIEF ENGINEER,”
H.M. NAVAL YARD,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1899. [1602]

RACE BOOKS FOR SALE
PROGRAMME of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1899, with lists of Entries, Winners, and Stables entered, and Memoranda pages, carefully compiled in book form.

The only edition of the RACE BOOK recognised by, and published under the direction of, the Stewards of the Jockey Club, is issued by the Undersigned.

No edition reliable unless bearing the imprint of "NORONHA & CO."

PRICES

Cloth	\$1.50 each
Paper	50 "

Hongkong, and February, 1899. NORONHA & Co. (159)

To-day's
Advertisements.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10th and 11th instants, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LD.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED.

G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [168a]

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
THE Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the
10th and 11th instants, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. E. SANSON,
Acting Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA
LIMITED, J. THURBURN,
Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
M. DOUDIN,
pro. Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOH,
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [171a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above
Ports, TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [163a]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"BENMOHR,"
Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [173a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA,"
Captain Sales, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [174a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND
SOERABAYA.
THE Company's Steamship

"ONSANG,"
Captain Young, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [175a]

To-day's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB.
Will give One more Performance
of the

PANTOMIME
"THE YELLOW DWARF,"
TO-NIGHT
(SATURDAY), the 4th February, 1899,
at 8.30 P.M.

Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 2
Pit 1

Half Price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police
in uniform to the 10th.

The TICKET OFFICE is now OPEN and
will continue Open Each Day from 10 A.M. to
4 P.M.
Late Trains to the Peak.
H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [181a]

BIJOU THEATRE.
RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

TO-NIGHT
(SATURDAY), 4th February, 1899.
Ninth appearance of
D'ARCS

WORLD FAMED MARIONETTES.
"ROBINSON CRUSOE"
(Under Active Preparation.)
Grand Spectacular Diorama of
THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Santiago by Night.
The Bombardment of the Spanish Forts.
The Sinking of the *Merrimac*.
Escape and Capture of Lt. Hobson the American
Hero.

The Meeting of the Rival Squadrons.
The Destruction of the Spanish Fleet off
Santiago Harbour.
Magnificent Scenery.

Stunning Mechanical Effects.
The Whole produced on a Scale of Realistic
Grandeur never before attempted in the
Far East.

PRICES AS USUAL.
Special Seats for Chinese Ladies only,
\$1 and 50 cents.
PLAN at ROBINSON'S PIANO CO.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [118a]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Kow-
loon Customs Office, OPIUM EX-
AMINATION OFFICE AND STATIONS, will be
CLOSED from WEDNESDAY the 8th till
SUNDAY the 12th instant, both days inclusive,
in celebration of the CHINESE NEW YEAR'S
FESTIVAL.

H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs,
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 4th February, 1899. [170a]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE TWELFTH ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central, at 11 o'clock,
on MONDAY, the 20th February for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Directors
with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1898.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th
instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [170a]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Britannia*.
From Australia, &c., ex S.S. *Arctica*.
From Calcutta, &c., ex S.S. *Massilia*.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex S.S. *Kilwa* and
Assyria.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
1 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
an case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1899. [175a]

INSURANCES.
NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, \$1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1894. [30]

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY.
FOUNDED 1797.
AMOUNT INSURED, £3,000,000
LOSSES PAID, £12,950,000
PREMIUM INCOME, £887,000

THE Undersigned Agents for the above
Society are prepared to accept RISKS
against Fire at CURRENT RATES.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, 6th January, 1899. [24a]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

PORTS
(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE, superior quality,
Red Capsule \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, su-
perior quality, Black
Seal Capsule 10.20

D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE
extra superior, Violet
Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested
for a month before use. Wine re-
quired for drinking at once should be
ordered to be decanted at the Dis-
pensary before being sent out.

These Wines are too favourably
known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
Spirits to be genuine when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE UNITED STATES.
LONDON, February 2nd.

President McKinley is suffering from fatigue
and overwork.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.
Major Esterhazy has refused to continue his
evidence before the Cour de Cassation and has
gone to Holland, being threatened with arrest
on a charge of fraud.

THE "TIMES" ON THE SAMOAN
DIFFICULTY.

The *Times* in a leading article confidently
hopes that the trouble in Samoa will only tend
to bind Great Britain, Germany, and the United
States closer together as the surest guarantee
of the world's peace.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 4th
at 11.35 a.m. The barometer has risen on the
China coast. A high pressure area covers
China with moderate to rather steep gradients
and strong monsoon on the coast, and in the
N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh
to moderate N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are pleased to hear that Lieut.-Col.
Wheeler, A.O.C., has received news of his pro-
motion by this mail.

We have received from the Hongkong Volunteer
Corps a very excellent photograph portrait
of Major Sir John Warrell Carrington, Knt.,
C.M.G., the commandant of the Corps, issued
as a supplement to the *Camp Gazette*. Sir
John is dressed in the full uniform of his rank.

We would call the attention of our readers to
the announcement appearing in our advertise-
ment columns of a lecture upon "Playing
Cards," by Mr. W. H. Wilkinson to be deliv-
ered at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City
Hall, at 5.15 p.m. on Monday next. Ladies are
invited to attend.

The following football matches have been
arranged for next week:—
Wednesday:—Hongkong Football Club v.
Kowloon.

Thursday:—H.M.S. *Victorious* v. E. Com-
pany of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Saturday:—H.M.S. *Powerful* v. Kowloon.
The two latter matches are shield ties.

In view of the building of the new French
Transatlantic liners to ply between France and
New York, the Government is to apply a
scheme for carrying two well-equipped rafts
that cannot sink, as shrike decks, so that in the
event of a ship sinking, like the *Bourgeois*,
the passengers can easily find their way to
rafts. The raft in the forward part of the ship
is to be eighty-two feet long and twenty-three
broad; the after raft 100 feet long. They are
to be made in compartments of thin steel to
carry 2,000 passengers, and can be thrown
overboard in case of necessity.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB inform us
that the R.E. Race, No. 1, will be resailed
to-morrow, course 10 miles; from Meyer's
east buoy, Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock,
Meyer's buoy and Channel Rocks, all to port,
start 2.15 p.m.

MESSESS. BENJAMIN KELLY & POTTS, in their
Weekly Share Report state:—Banks.—Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banks have improved their
position considerably, and have been placed at
284 and 284 per cent. premium, the market
closing firm with buyers at 285 per cent. pre-
mium.—The London quotation remains un-
changed. Nationals are obtainable at \$21.
Marine Insurances.—A few China Traders have
changed hands at \$64 and \$65, at which latter
rate more shares are wanted. Unions, have
been sold at \$230, and Cautions at \$150. Fire
Insurances.—Hongkong Fires have been re-
negotiated at \$171. Shipping.—Hongkong, Can-
ton and Macao Steamships have been sold at
\$27 ex the dividend of \$120 per share paid on
the 31st ultimo, and close with further sellers.
Indo-Chinese have advanced to \$65 with sales,
and continue in demand at the rate. Douglas
Steamships are steady at \$573. China and
Manila have changed hands and are wanted
at \$95. Star Ferries have been placed at \$12
and \$121. Refineries.—China Sugars have
had a substantial rise, and after sales at \$167
have advanced to \$173, and are wanted at the
latter rate. Luzons remain booked at \$53.
Mining.—Punions remain rather quiet with
only small sales at \$61. Rafts have improved
considerably and have been made at \$50, \$51
and \$56, and are wanted by buyers at \$50, \$51
and \$52, closing with buyers at \$50, \$51 and
\$52. Charbonnages remain unchanged.
Jeolabs have found buyers at \$33 and \$36.
Olives B. have been fixed at \$34. Great Eastern
and Caledonians have changed hands at
\$9 and \$91. Docks, Wharves and Buildings.
—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are en-
quired for at 300 per cent. premium. Kowloon
Wharf shares have been sold at \$85, \$84, \$85
and \$86, and have further buyers at \$85, \$84,
\$85 and \$86. Hongkong Lands have been
sold at \$115, \$120 and \$125, closing with buyers
at \$115, \$120 and \$125. Hongkong Hotels
are steady at quotation. Humphreys' Estate
have again been done at \$91. West Point has
been negotiated at \$18. Cotton Mills.—
Hongkong Cottons have been sold at \$843.
Miscellaneous.—A. S. Watsons are enquired
for, at \$131. Electricies are wanted at \$11.
Tramways have been sold at \$130. Geo.
Fenwick has been fixed at \$31.

SUICIDE IN SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, January 26th.
Another melancholy suicide, the third within
the last few weeks, occurred yesterday after-
noon in Coleman Street, near the junction with
Armenian Street, Mr. F. Antiss, manager of
the Boustead Institute, who had been missing
since Wednesday night last, taking his life with
a revolver, whilst in a ricksha. He appears to
have come from the direction of Serangoon
Road in a gharry, as far as Selegie Road,
where he paid off the gharry, and got into the
ricksha, in which he was passing, along
Armenian Street, just about four o'clock.
Mr. Graham, the secretary of the Masonic
Club, on hearing the report, immediately
went to the spot to render assistance if
possible, the coolie, on seeing what had oc-
curred, dropping the shafts and bolting pre-
cipitately. The deceased, however, had fired
the fatal shot through his right temple and
death was instantaneous, the body being re-
moved to the Central Station and taken to the
Hospital by the Police.

Mr. Antiss, who was about 28 years of age,
was formerly a sergeant in the Rifle Brigade,
and took up his abode as manager of the Bous-
tead Institute in February, 1897. Financial
difficulties are believed to have been the cause
of the rash act, a warrant having been issued
for his arrest on Monday night, and a new
manager, Sergt. King, of the West Yorkshire
Regiment, appointed the same day. The in-
quiry was opened at the General Hospital this
afternoon and adjourned. The funeral takes
place this evening, leaving the hospital at
4.30 p.m.—S. F. Press.

"JACK THE RIPPER" IN
VIENNA.

VIENNA, January 1st.
Last Tuesday Vienna was horrified by the
murder during the previous night of a woman
belonging to the class of unfortunate resembling
in most points the ghastly crimes of "Jack the
Ripper." In this case also the police at once
arrived at the conclusion that the foul deed had
been perpetrated by somebody accustomed to
handle the knife, their opinion being that it was
the work of a butcher. Different clues were
followed during the week, but none of them led
to any result, when last night another crime of
a similar description was committed in the
popular neighbourhood of the Danube. Fortu-
nately, it was this time followed by the capture
of the guilty party, who is supposed to be like-
wise the author of the murder committed a week
ago.

An unfortunate named Spilka, 32 years of
age, rented a small ground-floor room, to which
a kitchen was attached opening on the court-
yard of a large tenement house in the Lands-
trasse. There was a curtain between her room
and the kitchen, which was occupied by an-
other woman of the same class named Ditt-
mann. Towards 9 o'clock Dittmann went
home, accompanied by a stranger. As she
entered, a young man without a hat raised the
curtain separating Spilka's room from the
kitchen. Seeing the surprised looked of Ditt-
mann, he exclaimed that he had left his hat
behind and, seizing it, rushed out of the
house. As he had bloodstains on his face
Dittmann raised the alarm and, running
after him into the street, cried "Murder!"
at the top of her voice, the man by
whom she was accompanied joining in the
cry. The whole house was at once aroused
and the murderer was captured within a short
distance of the scene of his crime. He was
surrounded by a crowd of some 20 people, who
beat him unmercifully. He simulated uncon-
sciousness and, after being given into custody,
was conveyed to the headquarters of the Volun-
teer Ambulance Society. The doctors on duty
declared that he was merely shamming uncon-
sciousness. He remained there under the sur-
veillance of the police until transferred in the
same condition to the prison hospital at 2
o'clock.

The murderer is a young man of about 20,
named Simon Schostowitz, of Hungarian
nationality, and according to the papers found
on his person he is by trade a pork butcher.
He had two knives of different sizes about him,
one of which was bloodstained. His victim,
who was found half dressed in a pool of blood
with her face towards the floor, had been
strangled and then stabbed in the neck; the
jugular vein being severed. It is assumed that
the murderer was interrupted in his work by
the arrival of the woman Dittmann, and was
prevented from otherwise mutilating the
body. One group of suspects that it was the
same murderer in both cases consists in the
fact that Schostowitz had scars on some days
date which might have been caused by a
struggle with the former victim.—*Times*

THE RACES.

The following is the programme of the 1899
Race Meeting, to be held on the 21st, 22nd and
23rd instants.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1899.

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, a sweepstakes
of \$5 each with \$100 added; second pony to
receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for in-
ches as per scale; griffins on date of entry
allowed 3 lbs.; Subscription Griffins of this
season, 1898-99, allowed 7 lbs. Half a mile.

Number of Entries 14
The "VICTORIA" STAKES, a sweepstakes of
\$10 each with \$250 added; second pony to
receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for in-
ches as per scale. One Mile.

Number of Entries 14
The MAIDEN STAKES, value \$400; second
pony to receive \$75; third, \$50; for China
ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry;
weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10.
Three Quarters of a Mile.

Number of Entries 17
The VALLEY STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$5
each with \$200 added; first pony to receive
70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10
per cent.; for Subscription Griffins of this
season, 1898-99; weight for inches as per
scale. One Mile and a Quarter.

Number of Entries 18
The FOCHOW CUP, value \$250; presented by
the Fochow community; second pony to re-
ceive \$50; for China ponies; weight for in-
ches as per scale; entrance \$5. Two Miles.

Number of Entries 13
The HONGKONG DERBY, a sweepstakes of \$20
each with \$1,500 added; (half forfeit if de-
clared on or before day of closing entries);
for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of
entry (Saturday, 14th January, 1899); first
pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per
cent.; third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches
as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

Number of Entries 21
The LUSITANO CUP, presented by the Members
of the Club Lusitano; second pony to receive
half the entrance fees; for China ponies;
weight for inches as per scale; previous win-
ners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; Subscription
Griffins of this season, 1898-99, allowed 7 lbs.;
entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Number of Entries 18
The CONFRATERS' CUP, presented; second
pony to receive half the entrance fees; for
Subscription Griffins of this season, 1898-99;
weight for inches as per scale; winner of
Valley Stakes 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One
Mile.

Number of Entries 27
The HONGKONG CLUB CUP, presented; second
pony to receive half the entrance fees; for
China ponies; weight for inches as per scale;
entrance \$15. One Mile and a Half.

Number of Entries 15
The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES, a sweepstakes
of \$5 each with \$100 added; for Subscription
Griffins of this season, 1898-99; first pony to
receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.;
third, 10 per cent.; previous winners exclud-
ed; weight for inches as per scale. Once Round.

Number of Entries 28
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THE SCURRY STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$10
each; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on
date of entry; weight for inches as per scale;
winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

Number of Entries 18
THE EXCHANGE PLATE, value \$500; presented
by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of
Hongkong; second pony to receive \$50; for
China ponies; weight for inches as per
scale; *bona fide* griffins on date of entry;
allowed 3 lbs.; winners at this meeting 7 lbs.
extra; entrance \$10. From the Two-mile
Post Once Round and in.

Number of Entries 21
The GARRISON CUP, presented by the Officers
of the Garrison; second pony to receive \$50;
for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of
entry; weight for inches as per scale; win-
ners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One Mile
and a Quarter.

Number of Entries 19
The GERMAN CUP, presented by Members of
the German Club; second pony to receive
half the entrance fees; for Subscription
Griffins of this season, 1898-99; weight for
inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One Mile
and a Quarter.

Number of Entries 27
The NAVY CUP, presented by Officers of H.M.
Fleet; second pony to receive half the en-
trance fees; for China ponies; weight for
inches as per scale; winners of one race at
this meeting 7 lbs. extra; of two or more
races, 10 lbs. extra; previous non-starters to
carry 12st; entrance \$10. One mile and a
Quarter.

Number of Entries 19
The JOCKEY CUP, value \$150; second pony to
receive \$50; for subscription ponies of any
season, winners excluded; to be ridden by
jockeys who have not had a winning mount
previous to this meeting in Hongkong or
China; weight for inches as per scale; en-
trance \$5. One Mile.

Number of Entries 27
The FLYWAY STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$5
each with \$100 added; for China ponies;
weight for inches as per scale; subscription
ponies of any season; non-winners allowed
7 lbs.; subscription ponies of any season win-
ners allowed 3 lbs.; previous winners at this
meeting 7 lbs. extra. Three Qu

REVIEWS.

Notes for the Flag. By W. H. Fitchett. With Portraits and Plans. London, George Bell and Sons, 1898.

We notice another addition to Bell and Sons' popular colonial library, written by the Rev. W. H. Fitchett, which is a short but graphic account of the actions, in which some of our most notable British heroes have figured, from the year 1652 to that of 1854. It is very similar in style to his former work, "Deeds that won the Empire," and might very properly be entitled, "Deeds that won the prestige of the Empire," for in this, his later work, he treats only with engagements which, without resulting in any actual increase of territory, none the less procured for England lasting glory and a wholesome respect from other continental nations. It is written mostly in the form of anecdote, with detailed particulars of the original tactics employed; this gives it a considerable historic value. His facts bear witness to the amount of careful research, and enquiry which has been devoted to it, making it a distinctly educational work, and one calculated to both interest and instruct. Considered in the light of a scientific work written for adults, it cannot be denied that it is rather jingoistic, there is no mistaking that it is written by an Englishman, but then, as we presume that it is meant to be read by these same Englishmen perhaps this is proper, and it is certainly wise. It is rather amusing where in the war with France in 1743, he relates how George II, with a force of 16,000 men defeated Marshal Noailles with 70,000 men; As a matter of fact George II. had 40,000 men but as the odds were not English, Mr. Fitchett evidently thinks they did not count. However he is undoubtedly very interesting in some of his stories of individual heroism, especially in his reference to Miss Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimea War. This book should be of considerable interest to the Colony on account of his reference to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in their famous charge at the battle of Minden, August 31st 1759, during the seven years war.

AN ENEMY TO THE KING, by R. N. Stephens, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong. The scene of the work is laid in France towards the latter end of the sixteenth century. The story is related by M. de Ligny, Sieur de la Tourneville, and opens with his journey to Paris in search of adventure, where he enrolls himself in the French Guards. He falls in love with Mlle. d'Arcy, who to serve her own ends, or those of her Mistress Catherine, leads him into the killing of M. de Noyard, a councillor of the powerful Duke of Guise. He is forced to fly from Paris, in which he is aided by Queen Marguerite of Navarre, and after various hairbreadth escapes reaches the camp of Henry of Navarre at Nérac. Thus he becomes the enemy of the King. Thence, having been sent a troop of horse, he spends his time in harassing the adherents of Henry III. and in aiding Huguenots to escape from his dominions, making an old ruined chateau near Blois, called the Chateau de Maury his headquarters. M. de la Châtre, the Governor of the province is determined to capture de Launay and forces Mlle. de Varion, whose father is a Huguenot and in de la Châtre's power, to act as his spy. In this she is successful in bringing under de Launay's protection to the Chateau de Maury. There they mutually fall in love, and she flies from him to take back her promise to de la Châtre but finds that he has already despatched troops to the Chateau to effect the capture of her lover. De Launay arrives upon the scene with his lieutenant and captures de la Châtre in his own castle forcing him not only to release Mlle. de Varion and her father but also to grant them a safe conduct from the province which proves to be of the greatest value, owing to their meeting and taking refuge from the Chateau de Maury. The history, with their escape. The tale is well told, and the interest being sustained throughout, and the hero no sooner escapes from one dilemma than he plunges headlong into another. To those of our readers who are looking for an exciting work of adventure with a touch of French history thrown in we can recommend this latest production of Mr. Stephens.

THE JOURNALIST, by C. F. Keary, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong. The Journalist, Richard Vaux, the hero, is young a gentleman just rising into fame, who becomes enamoured of another man's wife, which appears to be the turning point of his career, for he does not seem to do much once he has made her acquaintance. The book is a very whimsical one, being full of dull conversations between persons who are either insipid idiots, miserable cynics or insufferable prigs. There is little or no incident and less interest. Groups of people commence to talk and invariably talk twaddle, and do not even do that consistently, for they cannot say more than a dozen consecutive words without running off to some other subject. If this book is intended to awaken a great admiration in the breast of the ordinary mortal for literary persons we fear that it will prove a dismal failure; for the literary men depicted are chiefly distinguished by their insufferable conceit and boorish rudeness in company. Those suffering from insomnia and requiring an infallible sleep producer will do well to indulge in a few chapters of "The Journalist."

THE TOWN TRAVELLER, by George Gissing, Methuen's Colonial Library, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong. George Gissing, with a wonderful insight into the character of the class whom he here depicts, the lower middle classes. The plot is a trifle far-fetched, the husband of Mrs. Clover, who keeps a China shop, having disappeared for some six years or so and at last being discovered is found to be no other than Lord Polperro, who has, since his marriage, come unexpectedly into the title but does not find it convenient to recognise his wife and child at the China shop. The principal characters are Mr. Gammon, a traveller for a firm of oil and colourmen, and Polly Spacker, a damsel with an attractive face, a healthy appetite and a situation as a vendor of programmes at one of the London theatres. Mrs. Bubbs, a lodging-house keeper; Mr. Sparkes, Polly's father and head waiter at a third rate restaurant; Miss Waghorn, a friend of Polly's; Mr. Greenacre, a broken down gentleman and friend of Lord Polperro; and Christopher Barish, a clerk in the great tea house of Sweetenham & Co.

Beyond the search for the missing husband and father there is little or no plot, but the book is cleverly and brightly written and the characters are amusing. The description of the conference held by Mr. Bubbs, Gammon and Mrs. Clover, with the intention of forcing Polly to disclose the whereabouts of the vanished Clover is capitally described, as is also their subsequent discomfiture by Polly, who resolutely refuses to have anything to say upon the subject even after having been forcibly removed from her room and brought face to face with her aunt, Mrs. Clover. The love scenes between Polly and Gammon and Polly and Christopher are funny, and indeed there are, despite its apparent paucity of plot or purpose, very few dull pages throughout the book. For those who require a novel which they can catch up for half an hour's light reading at any time "The Town Traveller" is just the thing.

TOMMY ON THE WEATHER.

From the following wail, appearing in the *Singapore Free Press*, it would seem that our old friends the West Yanks are not highly impressed with the Straits. We could certainly do with a few drops of their superlunary rain. It was raining profusely on Sunday w'en we landed 'ere wet an' folom, And w'ile we was marchin' to Tanglin (and we add a "shift" till the morn) We'd a'n't ninety-one sick 'neath the awnin's—O a'n't it grand weather for sich. We was bloomin' drown'd rats all the evenin'— Like drunks wot's fished out a ditch. It was rainin' profusely on Monday, and the sun couldn't see through the drops— So there wasn't no 'eat for dispellin the mould and the damp in our slops. It was rainin, on Tuesday an' Wensday, and the place is just watter 'n wet; An' w'en we ask w'en it will finish—The Clouds 'wisper softly "Not Yet!" It was rainin' on Thursday an' Fridy—By Evings— 't's fine for the crops. An' this is yer "Brite little island"—Praps it's goin' to be w'en it stops; But I ain't seen the sun since I bin 'ere, 'cept ten minits yesterday morn, No! it's rain from mornin' to evenin', an' it's rain from darkness to dawn. It's a regular "Henglish drizzle," with nasty shivery chills, And I'm red about the boko and white about the gills. It's terrible rough on the sick list: this damp perspiry cool, Say! is this weather excepshunal, or a kinder bloomin' rule? Wot's the use of the bloomin' equator, an' bein' 'so close thereto, It we live on a Henglish November, 'wich is not wot we want to do. But—Jes! it's stopped for a minit—No!— there it goes again. Oh! 'Ang the bloomin' drizzle an' the everlastin' rain.

SINGAPORE AND THE SOUTH.

(From Straits Papers.)

THE LAW'S DELAY. At Sourabaya, a Chinaman who shortly be tried for fraudulent bankruptcy after having been kept in prison for two years awaiting trial.

THE "ELMA." The Italian mail-boat *Elma* arrived at Penang from Colombo on the 23rd inst. She is of 3,100 tonnage, 6,500 h.p., and carries 285 men and 29 guns.

SERDANG COFFEE. Coffee-growing in Serdang continues to be in a hopeful way. Planters there do not complain. There is every encouragement to them from the recent improvement in prices for the berry.

QUARRELsome EMPLOYEES. The Krian railway employes are divided into two parties and indulge in Donnybrooks. A number were arrested and fined from \$10 to \$25 each by Mr. Farrer at Nihon Tebil.

EMBEZZLEMENT. The Chinese cashier of the Bangkok Dock Co. has been sent to hard labour for a year for embezzling Tcs. 5,660. Chua Pit Boon's friends in Singapore had already advanced \$2,000 to meet the defaulters.

LUMP SUGAR. At Cheibon, in Java, a manufactory of lump-sugar has been started. This is said to be the first undertaking of the kind in that island, despite the fact of its being a sugar producer. Java has also only one sugar-refinery, says the *Latentist*.

FLOODS IN SELANGOR. There have been heavy floods at Serendah nearly two miles of the main road being under water. There have also been landslips on the Raub-road which have interrupted the telegraph line.

THE DEFENCES OF JAVA. Plans for improving the defences of Java have been laid before Government. The Batavia *Newsblad* says it is intended to establish a harbour of refuge at Sourabaya, and to lay out batteries on a commanding position at Batavia.

GOLD IN CELEBES. A German expert, who has visited the gold region in North Celebes, comes to the conclusion that the mines there have been over-rated. Gold in that quarter is not so abundant as many had hoped. Not one of the mines has yet yielded a dividend, though some have been worked for at least four years.

TEAK FURNITURE. The *Batavia Newsblad* notes that Chinese craftsmen there can now turn out teak-furniture of such excellence that it not only beats the imported European article, but is also exported to Europe to compete successfully with the makes of the best furniture factories there.

HEAD-SNATCHING. The absurd feeling of insecurity that the Singapore *sinkehs* now entertain in regard to their heads is spreading, seemingly, to what is regarded as a more intelligent class of Chinese. Human heads are taken daily, they assert, and the bodies are quietly buried.

SELANGOR'S DEFECT. The *Malay Mail* points out that there are no facilities in Selangor for Chinese there to acquire British or Malayan citizenship. Chinese in that quarter prize the privilege of being British subjects, owing to its protecting them from oppression and squeezing should they return to China.

A REFRACTORY PRISONER. A lower grade prisoner named Koh Tai has been sent to the Singapore Assize Court to be tried as an assize prisoner. On Dec. 12th, while Ward Bullen was attending prisoners working in the yard, the prisoner came and stood in front of him. Bullen called out but the prisoner did not reply, but dealt Bullen a severe blow in the abdomen, from which he suffered so much that he had to go to hospital for 14 days.

BURCHARD. A correspondent writes to the *Pingang Gazette* pointing out that the Straits Government issues certain stamps at Singapore only and that in limited number. For instance, the provisional 4 cent stamps were issued by surcharging two sets of stamps—5 cent blue and 5 cents brown. At the present the former can be got in Penang, but not the latter, which were only issued at Singapore.

THE "ABANA." The *st. Abana* arrived in Singapore harbour from Labuan on the 26th ult., having been safely got out of her difficult position there by the exertions of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company. Her bows were low in the water, and her stern high out of it, as she came into port, under her own steam. She has a cargo of coal for Hongkong, and will have to be discharged as it is thought that the *Abana* must be docked there. During the work at Labuan, two officers working in the shaft of the propeller shaft, were suffocated by the bad gases from the bligs. An eng. was held at Labuan, and the fatal event was held to be accidental.

IN A SHARK'S Maw. A Singapore medical officer saw a large shark to the hands of some Chinese fisherman.

He induced them to open the stomach. This operation, however, disclosed a rather gruesome sight in the shape of a Chinese baju, trousers, and a touchang. That was all that was left, apparently, of somebody. There was also a bullock's lower jaw. It is just possible that a bundle of clothes and a false touchang may have dropped overboard from a sampan, and have been nipped up as a *bonne bouche*. But it is not nice thinking over all the same. And, apropos, where do all the bones go to? If a shark's gastric juices are not of a specially powerful character as is solvent, a shark's interior ought in a year or two to become a regular boneyard, with no room for new-comers.

TIN-MINING IN SELANGOR. The *Malay Mail* states that the known tin-fields in Selangor cannot be efficiently worked for want of sufficient labour. It has never heard a miner complaining of his inability to find land, but has seen scores of them wringing their hands for want of labour. The existing tin-fields have been spreading in area for years and show no signs, except in isolated cases, of reaching an unpayable boundary. Wherever new roads have been constructed in the interior, tin mining has often been taken up. Taking blocks tin and tin ore together it appears that in 1897, Perak exported 35,252 piculs, and Selangor 302,062 piculs. Of tin ore alone Selangor exported about 50,000 piculs more than Perak.

GOLD IN THE DUTCH INDIES. The *Batavia Newsblad* Mining Co. publishes analyses of ore from its ground, carried out in Batavia by Radhakamp & Co. A cross sample of mixed so-called red and green napal proved to contain 10.5 grammes of gold per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes and traces of silver. On the ground the red and green napal occur entirely apart, so that the first named, present in great quantities, is usually holding the noble metal in only to be worked. Another sample of "Karangan" to napal gave 14 grammes of gold per ton, while red oxide of copper and red oxide of iron also were found in it. A second sample of Karangan contained 18 grammes of gold per ton and 135 grammes silver. This was obtained by washing, after the native manner, in dolomites, and of course a lot is lost in the process. A fourth sample of so-called red napal gave 20 grammes of gold and 31 grammes of silver per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes. The results are spoken of as very satisfactory.

QUEER STORY. The *Batavia Newsblad* has got hold of a story which seems to show that Chinese agents are busy tempting European soldiers out of the Dutch Colonial army for service in the Chinese Imperial forces. The source of the story is declared to be in every sense trustworthy. A plot was discovered which threw some light on the sudden absence of some European soldiers of the 11th Battalion at Meester Cornelis from their posts. These men are all non-Hollanders, i.e., Belgians, Luxembourgers, Swiss, German, etc. It came out that, tempted by a bounty of fl. 1,000 to fl. 1,500, offered by Chinese, to desert, and join the army in China, many had got away from time to time and letters have come in from deserters urging their comrades to follow their example at Meester Cornelis. The deserters met in the old town, by the Canal, where they were found with money and clothes by Chinese agents, and smuggled on board a Chinese steamer which took them away to Singapore and China. The *Newsblad* looks upon it as probably a canard, but the next day it publishes a statement to the effect that its informant has again come in to say that he guarantees the truth of his story, and he added to it that on the night of a day or two ago thirteen European soldiers, all non-Hollanders, had been missed from the garrison at Meester Cornelis. The *Newsblad* afterwards says "Concerning the desertions on a large scale from the garrison at Meester Cornelis, we have received yet later information which puts our first information beyond all doubt, but however, not to hinder the enquiry now afoot, we shall not for the present publish any details."

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED. The following is the Report of Directors, for presentation at the Tenth Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be held on Wednesday the 8th February, 1899, at 4.30 o'clock P.M.:

The Directors beg to state that the Tenth Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts for the year 1898, which they trust will meet the shareholders' approval. The Profit for the year on Working Account amounts to Taels 134,617.87 as against Taels 118,751.67 last year. The Profit and Loss Account, after paying the amount of the interim dividend declared in July, shows the sum of Taels 89,435.44 at credit, and this it is proposed to appropriate in the following manner— To pay a Final Dividend of 6% (making 16% for the year) Taels 78,000.00 To transfer to Reserve Fund (being interest on undeveloped Estates Nos. 8 and 9) Taels 5,955.11 To carry forward to New Account Taels 5,480.33 Will's Estate, No. 1. In March last the Directors sold the plot of land at the corner of Astor and Whampoa Roads (about one *mow*), with the house upon it, to the German Church Committee for Taels 20,000 and this accounts for the reduction in the Capital Account of this Estate.

The ground lease of Block-A, at the corner of Seward and North Scoochow Roads, fell in to the Company on the 31st December, 1898, and this will give an increase of about Taels 6,000 in rental during the current year. Chwong Hoong Estate, No. 2.—A beginning has been made in developing the vacant piece of land referred to in last year's Report. A contract has been entered into to build 16 houses of a somewhat similar kind to those on the West side of North Scoochow Road, and it is hoped that on completion, they will quickly find tenants.

Little's Estate, No. 4.—The new buildings commenced in 1897 are now completed and are all at satisfactory rentals. Hanbury Road Estate, No. 5.—In last year's Report it was mentioned that the development of this Estate was completed, but the houses alluded to were not quite finished. It is the final payments for these buildings which account for the increased amount of the Capital Account of this Estate.

Two of the hongs on this Estate have been completed and let. The three hongs on the Peking Road will be finished in a month or two, and have been leased from the 1st April. Contracts for two other large buildings have been signed, and from enquiries already made, it is confidently expected they will be let as soon as they are ready for occupation, if not sooner.

Estates Nos. 8 and 9.—Nothing has been done with these properties, as the Directors feel that the time has hardly yet arrived for the further erection of Chinese houses.

Directors.—On the departure of Mr. McLeod from Shanghai in July last, Mr. Kincaid was appointed in his place. Mr. Dudgeon retired by rotation but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor.—Mr. Wingrove retires, but offers his services for the current year.

H. R. HEARN, Chairman.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Indian Papers.)

THE CURRENCY COMMISSION.

LONDON, January 14th.

The second session of the Indian Currency Commission was adjourned on the 13th until next month. The most notable witnesses were Sir Robert Giffen, Mr. Robert Barclay, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and Professor Alfred Marshall, of Cambridge. Sir R. Giffen generally opposed the official view, but admitted that, in the absence of serious difficulty in obtaining gold, his objections would be mitigated. Mr. Alfred Rothschild, who was absent through ill-health, submitted a written statement in which he considers that £20,000,000 could be obtained in London if wanted, without monetary disturbance. He recommends the eventual establishment of a State Bank in India to perform the functions of the existing Presidency Banks and to regulate the gold currency in the centre of chief demand. A possible decision and continued fall in exchange occurring shortly might encourage the advocates of the £5d. rate, but the best authorities, viewing the last twelve months' experience, consider the rate is likely to average 15 3/4d. this year, which would practically mean a 16d. exchange. The report of the Commission will be issued within the next few months. A gold standard without provision for an adequate supplementary gold currency is now regarded as improbable.

THE BEAUREPAIRE FARE.

The European Press, especially the English, bitterly ridicule the Beaurepaire fare, commenting on the utter decadence of politics and of the Judiciary in France; when an ex-judge of the Supreme Court can make such a pitiable exhibition of inanity and spite against his former colleagues. M. de Beaurepaire was appointed to the bench for conducting the prosecution of Boulanger in 1889. He clearly never dreamt that his resignation would be accepted. The most substantial charge he brought was that M. Bard, who is entrusted with the revision of the Dreyfus documents, sought an interview with Colonel Picquart and ordered the latter a dose of hot grog. In spite of the absurdities of M. de Beaurepaire's allegations, the Chamber of Deputies pondered over the affair in its every aspect, one Deputy solemnly proposing to court-martial the whole Court of Cassation. It transpires that three Generals, all Colonel Picquart's accusers, also had their grog at the Court's expense. The practical result has been a change in Colonel Picquart's judges and an influence on public opinion decidedly for the worse.

THE GALE IN ENGLAND.

Local reports of the gale have been delayed owing to injury to the telegraphs. They show terrible and widespread results. The sea demolished the thick seawall and washed away the beach for seventy yards on the North-Western line alongside Conway Bay between Chester and Holyhead on Thursday night. It was pitch dark, a tempest was raging fiercely, and the tide was high, when a Manchester goods express, heavily laden, dashed out of the tunnel across the gap, along the unsupported rails and was precipitated into the sea. The driver and fireman were lost and the wreckage of eight trucks strewn the bay, the others remained suspended on the rails which were unbroken. The Liverpool express and Irish mail which were due shortly afterwards were saved. The Channel traffic suffered terribly, vessels standing in the Downs all night.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

January 16th.

Count Muraviev states that the International Peace Congress will probably be held in Brussels or Copenhagen.

January 17th.

M. Cambon, French Ambassador at London, replying to a deputation from the Peace Society, denied that there was hostility in France towards the English. The Press on both sides he said, had greatly exaggerated the small friction arising over the Fashoda question, but neither Frenchmen individually nor the French Government desired war.

THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

The Times accepts Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman as Sir W. W. Harcourt's successor as leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, characterising him as a man of moderate counsels and conciliatory manner, inactive yet competent, who will mark time admirably.

AGITATION IN MACEDONIA.

January 18th.

A Macedonian agitation and the proposed assembly of a Macedonian revolutionary congress is causing anxiety to the Porte, which has taken military measures to crush any attempted rising.

THE FASHODA QUESTION.

January 19th.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Wolverhampton referred to the satisfactory settlement of the Fashoda question, and trusted that our position in the whole Valley of the Nile would be henceforth recognised as incontestable.

SAMOA.

The Samoan chief Mataafa, who is the German candidate for the kingship of Samoa, has been routed after sharp fighting with Malletoa, who was proclaimed King by the Chief-Justice of Samoa with the support of the British and American Consuls. The British cruiser *Porpoise* landed a party of blue-jackets to protect foreigners.

THE SOUDAN CONVENTION.

January 20th.

The Soudan Convention signed by Lord Cromer, the British Minister in Egypt, and Boutros Pasha, the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs, establishes martial law there and prohibits the residence of Foreign Consuls in the country without the consent of Her Majesty's Government, and provides for British and Egyptian flags being used together, except at Suakim, where the Egyptian flag is to fly alone.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations at 1893.

Barometer..... 30.141

Thermometer..... 57.3

Humidity..... 75.0

Rainfall..... 1.76

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at..... On 1st inst.

Barometer..... 30.35..... 30.18

Thermometer..... 59..... 59

Humidity..... 20..... 36

Rainfall.....

TO-DAY.

Saturday, 4th February, 1899.

Chinese—24th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 27min.

Sets..... 5hr. 33min.

Moon—Last Quarter 4th inst. 4hr. 4min.

High water—Morning..... 4hr. 4min.

Afternoon..... 4hr. 4min.

Low water—Morning..... 7hr. 4min.

Afternoon..... 7hr. 4min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1533—George Herbert died.

1846—H. M. S. *Agincourt* ordered to leave Macao by Captain R. R. R.

1865—Great robbery at Central Bank discovered.

1872—S. S. *Chekiang* lost.

1875—Colony of Fiji constituted.

1883—Outrage on foreigners at Kobe.

1897—Treaty for the opening of the West River signed at Peking.

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 5th February, 1899.

(St. Agatha.)

Chinese—25th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 27min.

Sets..... 5hr. 33min.

High water—Morning..... 4hr. 4min.

Afternoon..... 4hr. 4min.

Low water—Morning..... 7hr. 4min.

Afternoon..... 7hr. 4min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1783—Order of St. Patrick instituted.

1865—The Spanish brig *Neuro Lepanto* taken by pirates near Lantau.

1874—End of Ashantee War.

1877—Kioto railway opened by the Mikado of Japan.

1880—The Hongkong Government petitioned by the Chinese to make the Japanese yen a legal tender.

1889—Riot at Chinkiang.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—Communion, 7 a.m., Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral.—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

Union Church.—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. German Bethesda Chapel, West Point.—Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai.—Mass (Chin.), 5 a.m. (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point.—Mass, 8 a.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church.—Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church.—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*China*) to-morrow.Indian (*Sutong*) 6th inst.German (*Sachsen*) 8th inst.American (*Doric*) 14th inst.Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 21st inst.American (*Nippon Maru*) 22nd inst.WE are informed by the Agents of the Austrian Lloyd S. N. Co. steamer *Gisela*, left Kobe via Moji for this port last night, the 3rd inst.THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Tartar*, left Vancouver (direct) for Hongkong on the 1st. She is expected to arrive on the 25th inst.THE O. S. Co.'s steamer *Mentius* from Swansea and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning, the 3rd, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 6th inst.THE O. & S. Co.'s steamer *Cogite* with mails, etc., which left hence January 5th for San Francisco, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Kobe, Iland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 1st inst.

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Outward.—Jan. 3rd *Triste*, *Servia*; Jan. 6th *Glenagary*, *Nerite*; Jan. 10th *Mentius*, *St. Andrews*,

Intimations.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
FUTABA MARU R. J. C. Todd	NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 10th February, at 4 P.M.
MIKE MARU S. Kawamura	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 16th February, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU P. Gung	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 16th February, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU J. Nagao	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPU and NAGASAKI	FRIDAY, 17th February, at 4 P.M.
KAGOSHIMA MARU R. Nunome	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 21st February, at Noon.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 24th February, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1899.

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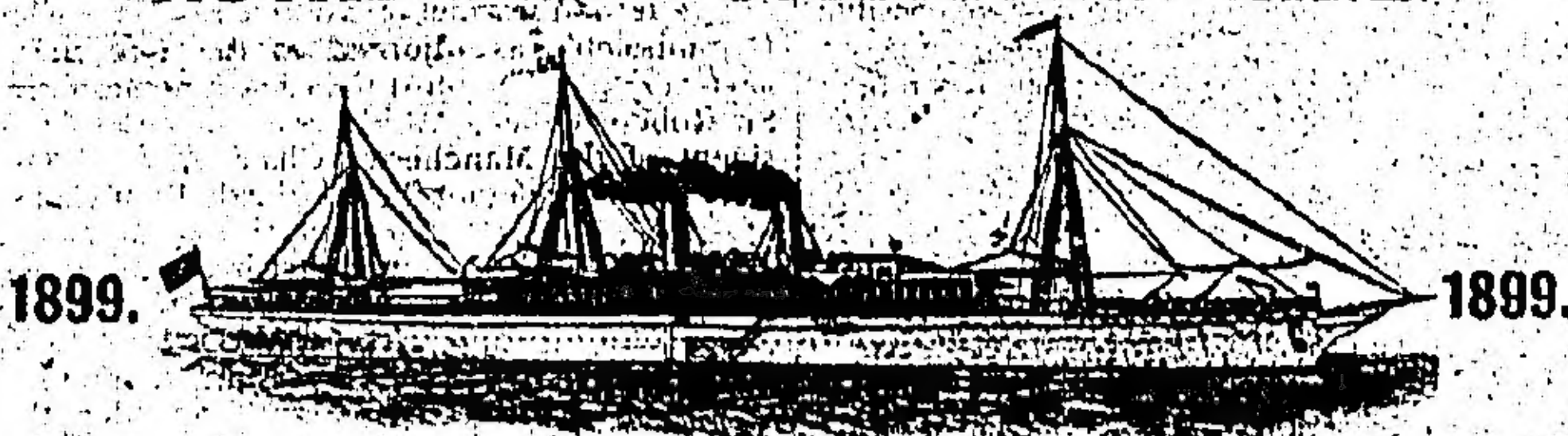
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EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., 1899.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 1899.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1899.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Wednesday, 8th Feb., at Noon.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 4th March, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 30th March, at Noon.

THE Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th February, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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*SARNIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG(BREMEN).	About 15th February.	Freight and Passage.
Ehlers	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 16th March.	Freight and Passage.
SILESIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG(BREMEN).	About 20th March.	Freight and Passage.
Behrens	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 21st March.	Freight and Passage.
SUEVIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG(BREMEN).	About 25th March.	Freight and Passage.
Poerck	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 26th March.	Freight and Passage.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE, HAMBURG(BREMEN).	About 31st March.	Freight and Passage.
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Hongkong, 30th January, 1899.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 8th April, at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship "CHINA," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1899.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Sachsen... Wednesday 1st March.
Bayern... Wednesday 29th March.
Prinz Heinrich... Wednesday 25th April.
Preuss... Wednesday 24th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Supper, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and OTRANTO.

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